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MEXICAN PLOT NOT BY POLITICIANS IN U. S., SAYS BAKER

RAPID TRANSIT'S PLAN WOULD "TIE UP" CITY--BROWN

Stand Taken By Deputies Car-
den and Cristy Upheld in
Emphatic Statement By City
Attorney

NO DELAY NECESSARY,
HE SAYS IN STATEMENT

"If, by November 27, 1916,
the Rapid Transit Has Not
Moved Its Track, the Board
of Supervisors and the Super-
intendent of Public Works
Will"

"Betrayal of the city's rights" will
be the result if the supervisors pass
a resolution appropriating money to
help pay the expenses of the Rapid
Transit Company in relocating its
tracks on Kalakaua avenue, according
to the emphatic opinion of the city
attorney's office, and that office is
determined to stand by its guns.
City Attorney Brown backs up his
assistants, Deputies Cristy and Car-
den, in the protest they have already
made against the supervisors' passing
such a resolution. In a comprehensive
statement to the Star-Bulletin today
the city attorney declares not only
that the supervisors cannot rightfully
pass the proposed resolution, but
that there is no necessity for delay if
the appropriation is not made. He also
charges that "the Rapid Transit wants
some act by the city which will tie
its (the city's) hands for all time."
His statement, in the form of a let-
ter to the editor, is as follows:
"Honolulu, October 27, 1916.
"The Editor of the Star-Bulletin, Ho-
nolulu.
"Dear Sir: In an editorial in the
Star-Bulletin of October 26, 1916, you,
as editor of the paper, state that you
and the public want to know what is
blocking progress on Kalakaua ave-
nue.
"As city and county attorney I take
pleasure in explaining the "precise
stand of this office and the reasons
therefor, and I request that you give
the same amount of publicity to this
communication as has been given in
reporting the attitude of the Rapid
Transit Company.
"It is conceded that public interests
demand the moving of the Rapid
Transit tracks to the center of Kalakaua
avenue to conform to the contemplated
improvement of that avenue by the
city. The permanent reconstruction
of Kalakaua avenue is only the be-
ginning of similar reconstruction of
main thoroughfares throughout the
city. As on Kalakaua avenue the
tracks of the Rapid Transit Company
are on the side of the street, on King
street, throughout Kaimuki and at
Palama, shutting off entirely each
property owner on that side of the
street from reasonable access to the
street. Justice to the property owners
demands that the reconstruction
of these highways shall include re-
location of the Rapid Transit's tracks.
Justice to the company may require
that it should not be compelled to
move its tracks on any street until
such street is being rebuilt. Kalakaua
avenue is now in the process of re-
construction. If the city pays one
nickel of the cost of such relocation
on Kalakaua avenue it will be tied up
to a contribution in every other case.
If, as an official act, the board of su-
pervisors in any way touches the
\$3000 collected by public subscription,
then the act by the board is an act
by the city. Such an act would again
set a precedent for contribution. For,
the Rapid Transit Company can then
say, "We don't care where the city
got the money, the city gave it to us."
"The statement has been made that
my office is holding up the actual
work on Kalakaua avenue. The law
requires, first, that the assessment
ordinance shall be enacted. This has
been rushed by this office. It should
be law by October 31. The contract-
or can then be ordered by the board
to sign his contract and file his bond.
As soon as the board of supervisors
has accepted the contractor's bond
the board can then order the contract-
or to commence the whole job forth-
with.
"Wednesday and Thursday of this
week the superintendent of public
works and the Public Utilities Com-
mission ordered the Rapid Transit to
move its track to the middle of Kalakaua
avenue within 30 days. If the
Rapid Transit Company does not
move within 30 days, it then becomes
the duty of the attorney-general to
forfeit the company's charter.
"That does not mean delay. The
charter of the company provides that
in this situation the government can
move the tracks of the company and
then sue the company for the money.
In other words, work on Kalakaua
avenue is not going to be held up by
legal procedure. If, by the 27th day
of November, 1916, the Rapid Transit
has not moved its track, the board
of supervisors and the superintendent
of public works will.
"The Rapid Transit Company is
making every move to try to tie up
the city to a contribution for reloca-

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of
stocks on the New York market to-
day, sent by the Associated Press over
the Federal Wireless:

	Today	Yester- day
Alaska Gold	12 1/2	12 3/4
American Smelter	110 3/4	110 3/4
American Sugar Rfg.	121 1/2	122 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	133	133
Anaconda Copper	95 1/2	94
Atchafalpa	107 1/2	107 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	84	83 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	58	58 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	65 1/2	64 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	22 1/2	22 1/2
Canadian Pacific	174 1/2	174 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	94 1/2	94 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	53 1/4	54
Cruick Steel	87 1/2	86 1/2
Erie Common	39 1/2	38 1/2
General Electric	182 1/2	183 1/2
General Motors	83 1/2	83 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	118 1/2	118 1/2
Inter. Harv., N. J.	11 1/2	11 1/2
Kennecott Copper	54 1/2	53
Lehigh R. R.	84	83 1/2
New York Central	108 1/2	107 1/2
Pennsylvania	58	57 1/2
Ray Consol.	26	25 1/2
Southern Pacific	101	100 1/2
Studebaker	134	133
Tennessee Copper	23 1/2	23 1/2
Texas Oil	150 1/2	151
Union Pacific	119	118 1/2
U. S. Steel	121 1/2	121 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	105 1/2	105 1/2
Utah	103 1/2	102 1/2
Western Union	103 1/2	102 1/2
Westinghouse	63 1/2	64

*Bid, †Ex-dividend, ‡Unquoted.

I. I. TO LOWER RATES ON LIVE STOCK SHORTLY

Maui, Molokai, Lanai Cattle
Shippers to Benefit When
Supplement is Issued

As a result of hearings which the
public utilities commission has been
conducting concerning rates charged
by the Inter-Island on cattle shipped
from island ports to Honolulu, the
company is preparing a supplement
to tariff No. 2, which went into ef-
fect September 1 and which caused
vigorous protests from cattle shippers
because of the higher rates charged.
Vice-President J. L. McLean of the
Inter-Island today gave the Star-Bul-
letin details of several reductions to
be made in the supplement; reductions
which the company is making
because it realizes there are certain
ports where easier cattle shipping con-
ditions warrant lowering the rates.
The recent new tariff made a uniform
increase effective, to which shippers
made immediate objection, appealing
to the commission to lower rates from
certain ports.
In brief, the supplement to be is-
sued as soon as the commission com-
pletes its hearing of the company's
side of the case and the Inter-Island
determines how other rates are work-
ing out and if any adjustments are
needed in them, will mean a reduc-
tion of 10 per cent from the rate
charged by tariff No. 2 on live stock
for slaughter from all Maui ports to
Honolulu except Kahului, where the
reduction will be 12 1/2 per cent. On
Molokai the reduction on live stock

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Hawaii Secures Little Benefit Of High Price

Sugar Factors Company Has in
Transit and to Be Shipped
More Than 10,000 Tons

Hawaii sugar companies that are
members of the Sugar Factors Com-
pany will benefit from the present
price of sugar or from a continuance
of it to the extent of over 10,000 tons.
Figures on other plantations or com-
panies are not readily obtainable but
they are not large.
There is now afloat or in transit on
the American mainland to eastern
markets for delivery sugar to the
amount of 4500 tons and afloat for the
San Francisco market 2400 tons on
account of the Sugar Factors Com-
pany. To be shipped between now
and the middle of November there
will be 732 tons in two vessels and
from November 15 for the ensuing
three weeks about 3000 tons. This
gives figures of 6900 tons afloat or in
transit, 722 tons for early shipment
and 3000 tons for later shipment by
the Sugar Factors Company, in all
10,732 tons. This will clean up, so
far as that company is concerned, the
crops of its member plantations for
this year.
At the quotation for raws of Thurs-
day the value of this output, allowing
for the discount made by the company
for immediate cash, is between \$1,400,
000 and \$1,500,000.

FORESTRY BOARD HASN'T RIGHT TO LEASE PALI SITE

Attorney General Advises Board
Cannot Grant Exclusive
Use of Pali Land

AERIAL TRAMWAY PLAN OCCASIONS OPINION

Lord-Young Project Receives
Its Knockout at Meeting of
Commissioners Today

That the board of commissioners
of agriculture and forestry has no
authority to grant right for exclusive
occupation and possession of land
within a forest reservation for a fixed
period is the gist of an opinion filed
today at the meeting of the commis-
sioners by Attorney-General I. M.
Stainback.
Inquiry has been made of the attor-
ney whether or not the commissioners
have power to grant to Lord-Young
Engineering Company, Limited, li-
cense to use 2.94 acres of land for
a long period of years, the land lying
within the Honolulu watershed forest
reserve in the neighborhood of the
Pali for use in connection with the
building and use of an aerial tram-
way.
"I am informed," says the report,
"that the purpose for which the use
of the land in question is desired re-
quires that the applicant shall have
the exclusive possession and occupa-
tion of said land for a period of at
least 10 years. If that is so then any
agreement would very likely be con-
sidered as a lease and not a license."
The opinion is written by Deputy
Attorney William Heen, and ap-
proved by the attorney-general. It
goes on to point out that the project
which the applicant has in mind—an
aerial tramway over the Pali—will re-
quire quite an expenditure of money,
making likely his insistence for an ir-
revocable license, and that such a li-
cense cannot be granted.

Businessmen of Honolulu, whether
they be Republicans, Democrats or In-
dependents, are invited to a rousing
rally to be held at 7:30 o'clock this
evening at Bishop Park, opposite the
Alexander Young hotel building, un-
der the auspices of the Republican
territorial central committee. The rally
will form a part of the general cam-
paign now being conducted by the
G. O. P. in preparation for the elec-
tion of November 7.
George W. Smith, president of the
Chamber of Commerce, will preside.
Among the speakers will be Jonah
Kuhlo Kalaniano'ole, candidate for
delegate to Congress; A. Lewis, Jr.,
Senator Charles F. Chillingworth,
Jared G. Smith and the G. O. P. can-
didates for the senate and house.
The speakers will discuss various planks
in the Republican platform and con-
siderable attention will be paid to the
frontage tax system.
Between speeches Eddie Fernandez
will show several reels of exclusive
motion pictures, featuring the recent
polo games and race meeting. A Ha-
waiian orchestra will furnish music
throughout the evening. Comfortable
seats will be provided for the audi-
ence, and persons not interested in
politics are invited to come and see
the movies and hear the music.

EVERYONE TO BE GUESTS TONIGHT OF REPUBLICANS

Lively Rally at Bishop Park
Will Bring to Close First
Week of Campaign

On the eastern line, Prince Leo-
pold's front, north of Mladjor lake
the Russians used gas fumes with-
out success. In several other places
along this part of the front the Rus-
sian battalions were hurled at our
lines but we broke down the storming
waves with certain fire.
On the Carpathian front in the
Kelemen mountains hostile attacks
were repulsed.
On the eastern front of Transylva-
nia and elsewhere on this line Bava-
rian troops today inflicted further de-
feats on the Rumanians and on the
Kampulung road the Teutons gained
further terrain.
Von Mackensen's army is advanc-
ing in the Dobrudja section. The
Rumanians blew up a large Danube
bridge, near Czernovoda, which proves
importance of the Rumanian defeat,
according to Rumanian opinion.
On the night of October 25 our air-
ships successfully bombarded a rail-
road establishment west of Czernovoda.
On the Macedonian front Bulgarian
cavalry is in touch with hostile
detachments. Serbian advances have
been repulsed.

FATAL HOSPITAL FIRE SUSPECTED INCENDIARY WORK

FARNHAM, Quebec, Oct. 27.—Police
who have been investigating the dis-
astrous fire which yesterday destroyed
St. Elizabeth's Hospital suspect
that incendiaries set fire to the in-
stitution, though it is not known for
what reason.
The roll of dead now numbers 19.
Several additional bodies were found
today and some of the patients are
still missing.
The Erie Railroad Co. will build a
new freight yard at Girard, O., with
accommodations for 2000 freight cars.

GERMAN WAR MERCHANT SHIPS WREAKING HAVOC

Admiralty Reports Show That
in September Tonnage of
More Than 254,000 Sunk

(German Official.)
BERLIN, Germany, Oct. 27.—
The German admiralty reports
that during September 141 hos-
tile trading ships, of a total of
182,000 tons, were sunk or
brought in by the submarines of
the Central Powers or lost by
striking mines.
Thirteen captains of hostile
ships have been taken prisoner
and three cannon captured from
armed steamers. Furthermore,
39 neutral trading ships, totaling
72,600 tons, have been sunk for
carrying contraband.

FRENCH ADVANCE AT VERDUN SAID TO BE CHECKED

German Official Cablegram
Admits Loss of Douaumont;
Successes on East

(German Official)
GERMAN HEADQUARTERS, Oct.
26.—In the western arena, on the
Somme front today, our fighting ar-
tillery effectively held the trenches and
battery establishments of the enemy
on both sides of the river. Our po-
sitions on the north bank are covered
by the enemy with strong fire-waves
which prepared for their partial ad-
vances but none of the attacks suc-
ceeded. They only resulted in new
sacrifices of the enemy's troops.
On the Crown Prince's front at Ver-
dun the French attack day before yes-
terday northeast of Verdun was fa-
vored by misty weather and the en-
emy advanced beyond our destroyed
trenches to the fort and village of
Douaumont. This fort has been eva-
uated by the Germans. We did not
succeed in recouping the work be-
fore the enemy but our troops took up
prepared positions close north, and
in the majority of cases it was only
by strict command they stopped re-
luctantly in these positions. All fur-
ther French attacks were repulsed,
including especially violent ones
on the eastern line.
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FRENCH GAIN AT VERDUN

PARIS, France, Oct. 27.—The
French made further progress at Ver-
dun today, gaining terrain south of
Vaux and taking 100 prisoners.

FUMIGATION PLANT ON WATERFRONT IS CONSIDERED AS NEEDED

Following a declaration by W. M.
Giffard that unless a fumigation plant
is installed along the waterfront, agri-
cultural interests on the islands will
be seriously affected, the board of
commissioners of agriculture and for-
estry again took up a discussion of
this subject today.
It is the plan of the board to erect
a station near the Alakea wharf at the
corner of Kekuanono and Halekuanui
streets, where all fruits, plants and
other insect carrying merchandise
shipped to the islands may be fumig-
ated and thus preclude any chance
of more pests getting into the islands
and injuring the crops and trees.
Considerable difficulty has been met
with in getting the land, as it is tied
up in other transactions, but Giffard
said that Governor Pinkham is work-
ing out a plan and he hopes that some-
thing will be done in the near future.

LEWIS DENIES HE WILL SPEAK ON "COLOR LINE"

It appeared in one of the local pa-
pers that A. Lewis, Jr., is scheduled
to speak on the question of the draw-
ing of the color line in the coming
election. This is an error as he will
not speak on this subject. It is his be-
lief that the same is not an issue and
furthermore, that no attempt should
be made to make it an issue. No au-
thoritative statement has ever eman-
ated from him that either whites or
the Hawaiians have ever drawn race
lines.

TEN DESTROYERS RAID TRANSPORT LINE IN CHANNEL

German Craft Swoop Upon
British Steamers But are De-
feated and Two Sunk

RUMANIANS GAIN ON ONE FRONT, LOSE ON ANOTHER

French Report Further Progress
at Verdun, Taking Ter-
rain Near Vaux

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, England, Oct. 27.—Ten
German torpedo-boat destroyers early
today attempted to raid the British
cross-channel transport service, but
the attacks along the line which the
transports follow between England
and France failed. Two of the Ger-
man destroyers were sunk by British
naval vessels which were patrolling
the line and the remainder were driven
off.
The British torpedo-boat destroyer
Flirt, which took part in the engage-
ment, is missing and the destroyer
Nubian ran aground. Nine members
of the crew of the Flirt were found
adrift and rescued. One transport
steamer, the Queen, was sunk. She
was empty.
SUCCESS FOR RUMANIANS
BUCHAREST, Rumania, Oct. 27.—
The Rumanians and Rumanians are to-
day successfully waging battle on the
Rumanian Transylvania frontier. The
Teutons are making attacks in the
Tulgher and Bileaz regions, and have
been repulsed in Trosna valley. The
Rumanian advance continues in Usul
valley.
MOLDAVIA IS NEW ARENA
PETROGRAD, Russia, Oct. 27.—
Success has crowned the efforts of
the Rumanians in their new war are-
na in Moldavia. In the western part
of this region they have captured the
Transylvanian village of Balan, also
the Patrarotkul heights. Fighting
continues on the Oak river.
A German attack in the region of
Goldovitch today forced the Russians
to retire to the eastern bank of the
Shara river. The Russians and Ru-
manians are retreating north from
Hirova and Casapekul, making stub-
born resistance. This is on the Dob-
rudja front.
VON MACKENSEN PURSUES
BERLIN, Germany, Oct. 27.—The
French today made another assault
on the German lines in front of Ver-
dun, on the east of Fort Douaumont,
and were repulsed.
On the Dobrudja front, Rumania,
von Mackensen is pursuing the Rus-
sians and Rumanians and has reached
Hirova.
A Russian attack west of Lutsik was
repulsed.

LANSING AND WAR SECRETARY CONFIRM STORY OF SCHEME BY BANDITS TO ATTACK AMERICANS

Refuse to Disclose Source of Infor-
mation But Declare it Authentic—
Say No Consideration of Domestic
Policies Led to Announcement

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 27.—No political interest in the United
States is behind the attack by Mexican bandits on American troops, of-
ficials say it is to be carried out as a move against the Wilson adminis-
tration on the eve of election.
This was declared emphatically by Secretary of War Baker today, in
response to questions put to him by interviewers, growing out of the state-
ment issued last night by him. Secretary Baker characterized as "absurd"
reports that the threatened attack was part of a political plot fomented in
the United States to discredit Mr. Wilson. He said that it is foolish to
suppose that his statement was intended to imply that any political interest
in the United States desires anything other than peace on the border.
"Such a thing could not be," he declared to his interviewers.
Both Secretary Baker and Secretary of State Lansing steadfastly re-
fuse to disclose the sources of the information which has come to them,
and which they believe authentic, that a bandit attack is planned. They
say that the channel of information is so valuable that nothing will be an-
nounced which might injure its usefulness.
Furthermore, they lay stress on the statement that no consideration of
domestic policies led to the announcement of the plot at this time.

Wilson Refuses to Comment on Statement by Secretary Baker

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 27.—A
plot to drag the United States into
war with Mexico if possible, and, if
not that, then to attack the American
troops now in Mexico, so as to dis-
credit the Wilson administration, has
been discovered by the officials of the
war and state departments, according
to a statement issued yesterday by
Secretary of War Baker. Just prior to
his departure from this city to fill a
campaign speaking engagement.
The president was shown the state-
ment, together with the assertion also
made by Mr. Baker that it had been
learned positively that the bandits un-
der Villa and the other rebel leaders
in Mexico are now being paid in silver
coin, but the executive flatly declined
to make any comment upon either of
the assertions.
Baker, in his statement, said that it
has been definitely "learned that en-
emies of the administration under Mr.
Wilson, and its policy in regard to
Mexican matters, have deliberately
conspired to attack the American
troops now south of the border, under
the command of General Pershing, in
order to create sentiment against the
Wilson regime. These attacks are to
be made in force, and before election
day, so that they will be instrumental
in defeating the Democratic candi-
date."
The secretary of war stated, also,
that Generals Pershing and Funston
have been notified of the details of
the proposed plans of the conspirators,
and have been directed to take the
necessary steps to balk them. The
troops along the border line and those
south of the frontier are reported to be
ready for any eventuality, added the
secretary.
Mr. Baker also declared that secret
agents of the war and state depart-
ments have reported that the outlaws
under Villa and his lieutenants, as
well as those under Zapata and others
of the bandit leaders, are now being
paid in real coin, and that as a con-
sequence the forces under the command
of these men are being enormously
increased in size and efficiency.
Secretary of State Lansing author-
ized the statement that Baker had
not intended to intimate that Ameri-
can citizens are involved, and he
denied that the announcement is to be
considered a "political" play made at
this particular juncture to influence
the voters of the country.
Not a Political Move
"It is not a political move," said
Mr. Lansing, "but we believe that it
is a most desirable thing to give what
information we can to the public, call-
ing all possible publicity for it, in
the hope that it may prove sufficient
to frighten the conspirators."

OLD IRON POKER IS EVIDENCE IN TRIAL OF DUKE

That the wound which caused the
death of G. P. George, who was an
aged civilian employe at Schofield
Barracks, could have been inflicted
with the five-foot iron poker now in
evidence, was the testimony given in
federal court today by Capt. George
R. Callender, Medical Corps, U. S. A.,
during the trial of Jesse Duke, charged
with the murder of George.
George died of his wound shortly
after he had been picked up at the
barracks on the morning of January
19, last. An examination of the
wound, which extended from the back
to the top of George's head, was made
by Captain Callender. He testified
that the wound was a depressed frac-
ture of the skull, three or four inches
long, about half an inch wide and
about half an inch deep. The front
end of the wound, he added, was de-
pressed slightly lower than the re-
mainder.
The poker, alleged to have been one
of those used in firing the incinerators
at the barracks, which were in charge
of George, was made a part of the
government's evidence. Capt. Callen-
der testified that he had examined the
end of the poker and had found no
bloodstains. He added that he had
also examined a number of hairs, said
to have been found adhering to the
end of the poker, but had been unable
to ascertain whether they were hu-
man hairs.
A civilian employe at the barracks
named St. Germain also was called as
a witness. He said that Duke had de-
clined to help carry George to the post
office. He added that Duke and
George had been on friendly terms
and that Duke was one of the pall-
bearers at the funeral.
The trial will be resumed at 8:30
o'clock next Monday morning.

THOMPSON CASE IS UP AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON

The board of liquor license commis-
sioners will meet at 3:45 this after-
noon for routine business, chief among
which will be the resumption of the
hearing of James E. Thompson, prop-
rietor of the Imperial Bar, who is
charged among other offenses with
selling "slop" beer.
John R. Mott, president of the Y. M.
C. A., has issued a call for a week
of prayer from November 12 to 18.
The Honolulu association will also
observe this week with a number of
prayer meetings. Churches of the city
will also observe this week of prayer.